

## VICTORY SONG | COLOSSIANS 2:14

*Colossians 2:13-15* And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.

1. What does “the certificate of debt” mean?
2. How was it “against us and opposed to us”?
3. How did “He take it away by nailing it to the cross”?

### 1. What does “the certificate of debt” mean?

cheirographon | χειρόγραφον : the only place this word is used in the NT is here.

It literally means “handwriting” or “handwritten”

χειρόγραφον is a “document,” especially a “note of indebtedness” written in one’s own hand as a proof of obligation (BAG, 880, and Lohse, TDNT 9, 435).

*I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention to you that you owe me even your very self. Philemon 1:19*

### 1. LOANS

tetelestai | τετέλεσται

It means it stands complete, it has been finished.

### 2. TAX COLLECTION

### 3. THE COURT OF LAW

On the day of trial the prosecutor would then present the cheirographon from the center of the courtroom, τοῦ μέσου, literally “the middle.”

“Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” This was his cheirographon.

“Cheirographon” is a legal term. It is a word that was used to refer to the written evidence of a person's guilt in a courtroom. It is the written record of a person's crimes

### 2. Why was it written against us?

We belong to God and ought to give thanks in response. This is the law. (Romans 1:18-20)

As we live against the law there is a record of us violating it time and time again. This is our cheirographon.

### 3. What does it mean he nailed it to his cross?

Jesus was the one person without a cheirographon.

The real handwriting that hung over him was the one that listed your sin and mine.

*When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished." Then bowing his head, he gave up his spirit. John 19:30*

In Colossians 2:14 our cheirographon is "taken away" literally "taken from out of the middle" where the prosecutor stands.

Our cheirographon is "erased."

*"I am the one, I sweep away your transgressions for my own sake and remember your sins no more."*  
*Isaiah 43:25*

Are you dealing with sin on your own terms?

Are you persuaded of God's love in Jesus?

*What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Romans 8:31-34.*

Are you trusting that God is who He is?

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6*